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To prohibit the export of American black bear viscera, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BENTLEY (for herself, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. MACHTLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. LEWIS of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Black Bear Protection
5 Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON EXPORT OF AMERICAN BLACK**
7 **BEAR VISCERA.**

8 The Secretary of Commerce shall exercise the au-
9 thorities the Secretary has under the Export Administra-

tion Act of 1979 to prohibit the export from the United States of American black bear viscera.

SEC. 3. REPORT BY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall prepare and submit to the Congress, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, a report that describes—

(1) the effectiveness of the computerized information system or any other system of the Fish and Wildlife Service or the United States Customs Service that records data on the importation or exportation of wildlife body parts, specifically of the American black bear, to and from the United States; and

(2) any plans of the Fish and Wildlife Service to monitor the illegal movement of, or commercial activity in, American black bear viscera or other American black bear body parts.

SEC. 4. UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.

The United States Trade Representative shall discuss the issues involving trade in American black bear viscera with the appropriate representatives of those countries trading with the United States who are determined jointly by the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior to be the leading importers of American black bear viscera.

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

2 As used in this Act, the term “American black bear
3 viscera” means the gall bladder or any internal organs of
4 an American black bear (*Ursus Americanus*).

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